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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 0488

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR IC FRG

SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE: APPROACHING AGREEMENT WITH FRG

1. MFA LEGAL ADVISER HANS ANDERSEN TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 1 THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW GOING FORWARD WITH WEST GERMANS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS ON SETTLEMENT OF FISHERIES DISPUTE AND HE EXPECTS MATTER TO BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF FONMIN AGUSTSSON FOR WASHINGTON APRIL 7. WHILE ANDERSEN DID NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS OF EMERGING SETTLEMENT, HE INDICATED IT WAS COMING ABOUT BECAUSE PRIMIN JOHANNESSEN HAD INSISTED ON TAKING MATTER AWAY FROM FISHERIES MINISTER JOSEPSSON AND PUTTING RESPON- SIBILITY IN MFA. DECISION TO DEAL THROUGH MFA AND FRG EMBASSY WAS APPARENTLY MADE TO AVOID FURTHER EXCHANGES OF SPECIAL DE- LEGATIONS IN WHICH JOSEPSSON WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE BEEN INCLU- DED.

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2. COMMENT: ONCE AGAIN, PRIMIN IS TAKING MATTERS INTO HIS OWN

HANDS AND MAKING AGREEMENT WHICH IS CERTAIN TO CAUSE SEVERE
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL STRAINS. AS ANDERSEN SAID IN REFERRING TO
UNIMPLEMENTED GOI-EEC AGREEMENT, "AN ARRANGEMENT WITH GERMANY
IS OUR KEY TO EUROPE" AND IS THUS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE
TO ICELAND. IT IS, HOWEVER, KEY WHICH JOSEPPSSON AND HIS PEOPLE'S
ALLIANCE DO NOT WANT TURNED.
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